

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In re Application  
Hideaki Saito  
App. No.: 10/711336  
Filed: September 12, 2004  
Conf. No.: 5335  
Title: PIVOTING ARRANGEMENT  
FOR CONTROLLING  
OUTBOARD DRIVE  
OF PROPULSION UNIT  
Examiner: L. Olson  
Art Unit: 3617  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action, dated June 20, 2006, and following up on the telephone interview and the Examiner's kind informal acceptance of the fax proposal incorporating the following amendment, entry of the following amendment, is respectfully requested as placing this case in obvious condition for allowance: